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1. The amendment filed on 30 April 2003 added the following recitation to claim 47: "wherein when the hydrogen and oxygen supplied by the inlet and diffused by the gas diffusing member". Therefore claim 47 now recites a water-generating reactor comprising a gas-diffusing member and is drawn to nonelected species D, as set forth in Paper 7 and on pages 4-7 of instant specification. The examiner notes again that the water-generating reactor of Fig. 49 is elected for the prosecution to the extent that is limited to Species C, as set forth in Paper 7. Since all active claims in the instant application depend from claim 47, said amendment filed on 30 April 2003 presents only claims drawn to a non-elected invention and is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03).


Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

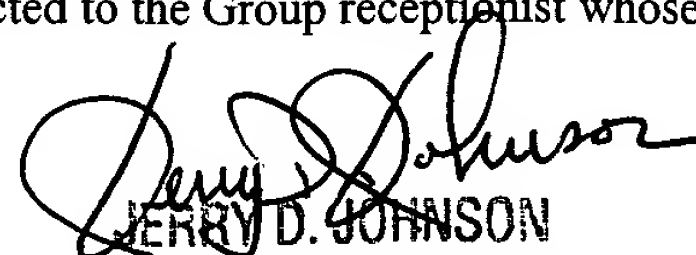
2. The examiner notes that, while the letter to the draftsman filed on 30 April 2003 lists proposed changes to the drawings and states that "the proposed drawing changes are either made in red ink or highlighted in red", the included drawings do not incorporate any mentioned changes (made in red or otherwise). The applicant is required to submit either proposed drawing correction showing the changes or corrected drawings incorporating said changes in response to this Office action.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Basia Ridley, whose telephone number is (703) 305-5418. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Caldarola, can be reached on (703) 308-6824.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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